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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 3, 2003, time for response to which was set to expire December 3, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. The considered claims, claims 25-41, 44-48 and 65-78 are rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.